Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Ralph and Marie Madonna began the celebration of life together as husband and wife on the Thirteenth Day of March in Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-Seven; and,

WHEREAS, Their marriage has spanned half a century of service and devotion to their family, friends and neighbors; and,

WHEREAS, Through their lifelong dedication to the values of caring and sharing, Ralph and Marie Madonna have helped make this nation a great place to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, On July 18 in Illinois, there will be an occasion of great joy and celebration as friends and loved ones gather to honor Ralph and Marie; and,

WHEREAS, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate the memorable milestones in the lives of two of this nation's outstanding citizens:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 18, 1987, as

RALPH AND MARIE MADONNA DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with the honored couple's family and friends in wishing them continued health and happiness in a state that stands prouder today because of their contributions and commitment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of July, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Seven

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE